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MAINTENANCE, SUPPLY UNITS ACROSS U.S. ARMY EUROPE EARN HONORS AS BEST OF THE BEST

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HEIDELBERG, Germany -- United States Army, Europe, and the Installation

Management Agency - Europe combined forces here April 4 to honor the top logistics warriors who keep supplies flowing and maintain everything the Army needs to fight and win.



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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jorge Mercado, representing Supply Support Activity, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza (Italy), accepts the SSA's Supply Excellence Award trophy from Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, during an awards ceremony for the winners of this year's U.S. Army Europe level of the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence and Supply Excellence Awards competitions. The ceremony was conducted in Heidelberg, Germany April 4.

The USAREUR-level competition in the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence and Supply Excellence Award programs recognize the attention to detail, innovation and hard work of logistical units throughout USAREUR.

The awards were presented by the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody.

"The beauty of these awards is that good ideas have no rank," Dunwoody said. "You have young

folks, civilians and Soldiers competing with good ideas that we can cross-fertilize throughout our services, for efficiency and better service to the warfighter."

That efficiency pays off for deploying units, said Staff Sgt. Donald E. Railey, property book officer for B Company, 141st Signal Battalion, 1st Armored Division.

"You have to predict what your future shortages are going to be, instead of waiting for them to occur," Railey said. "If you aren't looking at shortages a year out, they will come up on you."

The discipline that benefits units also benefits the taxpayer, Railey said.

"A property book officer who is doing his or her job well will get what the unit needs, when it needs it,"

Railey said. "If you create excess, it costs the government money."

The awards program looks at 16 key elements of each unit, including: maintenance posture; innovation; unique methods of doing business; small arms maintenance; prescribed load lists, and tracking of equipment, said Ramon Hernandez, the acting chief of USAREUR's command logistics review team, who served as master of ceremonies for the awards ceremony.

Phase I of the awards program is an extensive written submission. Phase II is a site survey of the most promising nominations by a team of maintenance experts.

"It takes team effort and a year of preparation," Hernandez said.

Competing teams consist of employees from all sides of the force. Units compete based upon manpower strength. Small units are those with 10 to 100 personnel; medium units have between 101 and 300 people, and the large category is for organizations of 301 and more people.

Capt. Richardo Wilson, commands the Maintenance Activity Vilseck, winner of the AAME for a small Table of Distribution and Allowances maintenance unit. He credits his professional local national workforce for the unit's success.

"They are well trained, innovative and flexible," Wilson said. "Their experience base is unbelievable."

The Vilseck unit won the TDA small AAME in 2001 and 2002 and was runner-up in 2004.

This year's winners of the USAREUR-level AAMEs are (V Corps winners are in italics):

Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment, Small unit category:

Delta Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, V Corps, Ansbach, Germany

Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment, Medium unit category:

71st Ordnance Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, 16th Corps Support Group, 3rd Corps Support Command, V Corps, Hanau, Germany

Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment, Large unit category:

Special Troops Battalion, V Corps, Schwetzingen, Germany

Table of Distribution and Allowances, Small unit category: Maintenance

Activity Vilseck, General Support Center Europe, 21st Theater Support Command,
Vilseck, Germany

Table of Distribution and Allowances, Medium unit category: Maintenance

Activity Pirmasens, General Support Center Europe, 21st Theater Support Command,
Pirmasens, Germany

Table of Distribution and Allowances, Large unit category: Maintenance

Activity Kaiserslautern, General Support Center Europe, 21st Theater Support
Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Table of Distribution and Allowances, Small unit category: U.S. Army Garrison

Vicenza, Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity, Installation Management Agency-
Europe, Vicenza, Italy

Runners-up:

Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment, Small unit category:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion, 37th
Transportation Command, 21st Theater Support Command, Mannheim, Germany

Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment, Medium unit category:

554th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, 37th Transportation
Command, 21st Theater Support Command, Stuttgart, Germany

Table of Distribution and Allowances, Small unit category: Equipment Storage

Site Expanded, 7th Army Reserve Command, Mannheim, Germany.

Winners of the fiscal year 2006 USAREUR-level Army Supply Excellence Awards (V
Corps winners are in italics):

Level 1 (A) Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment

(company/battery/troop/detachment): *Bravo Company, 141st Signal Battalion, 1st Armored Division, V Corps, Wiesbaden, Germany*

Level 1 (B) Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment

(battalion/squadron): 95th Military Police Battalion, 37th Transportation Command, 21st Theater Support Command, Mannheim, Germany

Level 2 (B) Table of Distribution and Allowances, Large unit category:

Maintenance Activity Mannheim, General Support Center Europe, 21st Theater Support Command, Mannheim, Germany

Level 3 Property Book Operations: Troop Support Battalion, 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Level 4 (A) Supply Support Activity, Modification of Table of Organization

and Equipment unit: *26th Quartermaster and Supply Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, 16th Corps Support Group, 3rd Corps Support Command, V Corps, Hanau, Germany*

Level 4 (B) Supply Support Activity, Table of Distribution and Allowances

unit: Supply Support Activity, AG2, Class IX, Direct Support Supply Division, Supply Activity Kaiserslautern, General Support Center Europe, 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Level 2 (A) Table of Distribution and Allowances, Small unit category:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Stuttgart, Germany

Level 3 Property Book Operations: Property Book Office, Baumholder, U.S. Army Garrison Hessen, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Baumholder, Germany

Level 4 (B) Supply Support Activity, Table of Distribution and Allowances

unit: Supply Support Activity, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Vicenza, Italy

Runners-up

Level 1 (A) Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment

(company/battery/troop/detachment): 5th Maintenance Company, 191st Ordnance Battalion, 29th Support Group, 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Level 1(B) Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment

(battalion/squadron): *1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, V Corps, Friedberg, Germany*

Level 3 Property Book Operation: *440th Signal Battalion, 22nd Signal Brigade, V Corps, Darmstadt, Germany*

Level 4 (A) Supply Support Activity, Modification of Table of Organization and Equipment unit: *71st Ordnance Company, V Corps, Hanau, Germany*

Level 4 (B) Supply Support Activity, Table of Distribution and Allowances unit: Supply Support Activity, AEQ, Class II, IIP, IV, VII, General Support Center Europe, 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Level 2 (A) Table of Distribution and Allowances Small: Class III Table of Distribution and Allowances Activity, U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Grafenwoehr, Germany

Level 3 Property Book Operations: Property Book Office, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, U.S. Army Garrison Franconia, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Ansbach, Germany

Level 4 (B) Supply Support Activity, Table of Distribution and Allowances

unit: Regional Supply Support Activity, U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Vilseck, Germany

Honorable Mention

Level 2 (A) Table of Distribution and Allowances Small: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment Ansbach, U.S. Army Garrison Franconia, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Ansbach, Germany

Level 3 Property Book Operations: Property Book Office, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Level 4 (B) Supply Support Activity, Table of Distribution and Allowances unit: Supply Support Activity, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Installation Management Agency-Europe, Chièvres, Belgium

Winners will compete for the Army-level Combined Logistics Excellence Awards, and the opportunity to compete for the Department of Defense level Phoenix Awards.

